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SINCE FRENCH ARE UNWILLING JOIN WITH US AND BRITISH IN TRIPARTITE STATEMENT (PARIS 1672 TO DEPT) DO NOT BELIEVE FURTHER U.S. PUBLIC STATEMENTS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME. NEITHER BRANDT OR AMREHN SUGGESTED SUCH STEP WHEN I SAW THEM DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY AND BOTH SEEMED ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH STATEMENTS U.S. HAS ALREADY MADE ON PRESENT SITUATION. WE HAVE MADE OUR POSITION ABUNDANTLY CLEAR IN PAST. TO CONTINUE TO REITERATE OUR GUARANTEES TO BERLIN APPEARS TO ME WOULD ACHIEVE LITTLE OR NOTHING AT THIS JUNCTURE AND POSSIBLE CREATE IMPRESSION WE NOT REALLY SINCERE BECAUSE "WE PROTEST TOO MUCH." ON OTHER HAND CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE FRENCH BE INDUCED TO MAKE STATEMENT COMPARABLE TO THOSE ALREADY ISSUED BY WASHINGTON AND LONDON. CONTINUED SILENCE ON PART FRENCH GOVT MIGHT WEEL BE ADVERSELY INTERPRETED HERE FROM STANDPOINT ALLIED UNITY.

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FEEL IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT THREE AMBASSADORS MOSCOW RAISE QUESTION KHRUSHCHEV'S STATEMENTS WITH GROMYKO, MAKING OUR POSITION UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR AND STRESSING LEGAL JUSTIFICATION OUR PRESENCE BERLIN. SINCE IT POSSIBLE SOVIET MAY SHORTLY INITIATE ONE OR MORE STEPS RE TRANSFER AUTHORITY GDR FORE SHADOWED BY KHRUSHCHEV, WEST APPROACH SHOULD, IN OUR VIEW, BE MADE SOONEST.

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BELIEVE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE MERIT BRANDT'S SUGGESTION THAT WE HAVE AMERICANS OF NATIONAL STATURE WHO ARE ALSO LEADING FIGURES REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES VISIT BERLIN NEAR FUTURE (BERLIN'S 323). IN ADDITION BENEFIT ENVISAGED BY BRANDT, SUCH VISIT WOULD SERVE underscore CONTINUED BI-PARTISAN SUPPORT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

SINCE BERLIN IS RESPONSIBILITY THREE WESTERN POWERS RATHER THAN NATO BELIEVE NAC STATEMENT SHOULD BE PRIMARILY IN CONTEXT GERMAN REUNIFICATION RATHER THAN SITUATION HERE AND NOT SPECIFICALLY AIMED TOWARDS KHRUSHCHEV'S THREATS RE BERLIN. IN ABSENCE FURTHER SOVIET MOVE SUGGEST ISSUANCE BE HELD IN ABEYANCE IN ORDER AVOID OPPORTUNITY FOR SOVIETS TO PRODUCE COUNTER PROPAGANDA WHICH WOULD INCREASE ANXIETY PUBLIC OPINION HERE.

GEN. HAMLETT AND BURNS CONCUR FOREGOING.

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